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Public Information Meeting

Site Investigation at Old Fort Townsend State Park Military Munitions Response Program

Sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

May 1, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Ft. Worden State Park
Building 210 - Commons
Port Townsend, WA**

Area residents are invited to this public information meeting on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Military Munitions Response Program Site Investigation at Old Fort Townsend State Park. Over the next few months, the Corps will evaluate Fort Townsend under the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) program. Work will include a visual inspection of property that was part of the former Fort Townsend, and may include soil and/or water sampling. The Corps will use the results of this investigation to determine if future work is needed to clean up possible munitions related components and chemical constituents used at Fort Townsend.

Fort Townsend, consisting of 615 acres, was acquired by the War Department in 1859 by Executive Order to provide protection for settlers on the Olympic Peninsula. In 1895 a fire destroyed most of the barracks on the northeast portion of the site and the fort was ordered decommissioned. From the turn of the century until World War II, the fort was in caretaker status. An airfield, used for pilot training, was built on the southwest portion of the fort in the 1920s. In July 1942 the Navy acquired the northeast portion of for X-ray examination of enemy naval mines, torpedoes and other munitions. In 1947 the airfield was conveyed to the county and the Jefferson County International Airport was established. In 1959, the Port of Port Townsend took over airport operations. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission purchased the northeast portion from the government for Old Fort Townsend State Park.

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More information about Fort Flagler is available on Corps's Seattle District website at http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=PMEM&pagename=Ft_Townsend

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